

Remarks

The Office Action has been carefully reviewed and this Response is prepared in view of the Examiner's comments in the Action. Applicant appreciates the attention of the Examiner to the application.

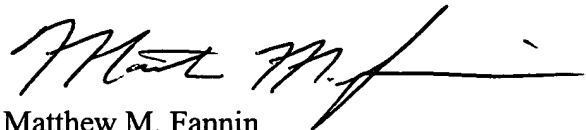
Claims 1-20 were pending in the application. Claims 2, 5-18 and 20 are allowed. Claims 1, 3, 4 and 19 were rejected.

Claims 1, 3, 4 and 19 are canceled without prejudice. No amendments to the remaining claims are made.

Applicant believes that the application and claims are now in condition for allowance. Early favorable action is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney if that would be helpful in facilitating resolution of any issues which might remain.

It is believed that no fees are due with the current response. If any fees are due, please debit Deposit Account 10-0270 and inform the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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